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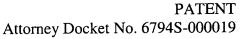
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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This paper is filed in response to Office Action dated October 9, 2002. It is deemed timely filed by virtue of the accompanying petition and fee for two-month extension of time up to and including March 9, 2003.

Claims 85-138 are pending in the case and Claims 85-116 and 119-138 have been examined.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 85-116 and 119-138 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Pettis et al. (US2002/0095134) is, respectfully, requested because the cited reference was filed on June 29, 2001, the same filing date as the instant application. Thus, the '134 application was not filed before the invention by the applicant as required under 102(e)(1).

It is noted that the '134 application claims priority to 09/606,909, filed June 29, 2000 in the first paragraph of the specification. A copy of the 09/696,909 application is included with this response for the convenience of the Examiner. The copy was obtained as provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.14(c)(1)(i). A copy is also included in a concomitantly submitted Information Disclosure Statement.

The '909 application, however, does not contain the passages cited by the Examiner in the '134 application. The rejection is, thus, believed to be improper and withdrawal is, respectfully, requested.

It is believed that the claims are in a condition for allowance and such favorable action is, respectfully, requested. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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